

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending and under consideration in the above-identified application. In the Office Action of September 15, 2010, claims 1-11 were rejected. Claims 12-24 were previously withdrawn and remain withdrawn.

With this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 7 are amended.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bianco et al.* (US 6,256,737) . Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In relevant part, independent claim 1 recites an information processing apparatus that associates a public key certificate with a person identification certificate.

This is clearly unlike *Bianco* which fails to disclose or even fairly suggest an information processing apparatus that associates a public key certificate with a person identification certificate. Instead, *Bianco* discloses allowing a user access to “all digital certificates” stored on a device after the user has been validated by a biometric device. See, U.S. Pat. No. 6,256,737, Col. 54, l. 40-60. This cannot be fairly viewed an information processing apparatus that associates a public key certificate with a person identification certificate because *Bianco* merely granting access to all digital certificates in a system after the user is authenticated without linking any template to any public key.

As the Applicant’s specification teaches, by providing an information processing apparatus that associates a public key certificate with a person identification certificate, the location of a public key used for authentication is quickly identified after personal identification

which allows for faster authentication between devices . See, U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0026427, Para. [0502].

Therefore, because *Bianco* fails to disclose or even fairly suggest every feature of claim 1, the rejection of claim 1 cannot stand. Because claims 2-11 depend, either directly or indirectly from claim 1, they are allowable for at least the same reasons.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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